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THE MARCH VIEW OF TRENDS IN STRENGTH AND FTE

Basic trends were confirmed by February experience. [] EODs were recorded while there were [] separations. With consideration of other flows affecting strength (such as LWOP), the net gain in strength was []. It is evident that the applicant-processing has hit full stride and that separations are continuing at a very low level.

This February experience has been incorporated in the monthly update of our strength and FTE-use projections. At the February pace, which is confirmed thus far into March, we will have to throttle back after April and even so will exceed ceiling before the end of June. If there is position ceiling relief, the pace can be continued an additional month or two.

We do not expect that all Directorates will hit their ceilings simultaneously. At current pace, the DCI area could hit ceiling before the end of May, the DO by the end of June, the DA by the end of April, and the DDI by the end of September, while the S&T is already above ceiling. The estimated over-use of full-time permanent (FTP) FTE is [] of which [] might be non-pay (LWOP).



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